UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

NATASHA ATHENS d/b/a Favorite Things,)	
Plaintiff,)	
v.)	Civil Action No. 1:21-cv-00748-SM
BANK OF AMERICA and MEGAN SCHOLZ,)	
Defendants.)	

DEFENDANTS' OBJECTION TO PLAINTIFF'S REQUEST/MOTION TO STRIKE PLEADINGS

NOW COME Defendants Bank of America, N.A.¹ ("BofA") and Megan Scholz (together, "Defendants"), by and through their attorneys, Primmer Piper Eggleston & Cramer PC, and respectfully object to "Ex Party Plaintiff's Request to Strike Objection and Response of Non-Party Thomas Pappas and All of His Other Pleadings - Plaintiff's Motion to Strike Non-Party Pleading Exposing her Taxes" (the "Motion") (Doc. #94) as follows:

- 1. Motions to strike pleadings are governed by Fed. R. Civ. P. 12.
- 2. The Motion fails to set forth any basis under Rule 12 to strike any of Defendants pleadings. Rather, the motion merely continues Plaintiff's *ad hominem* attacks.
- 3. In its Order dated November 19, 2021 (Doc. #48), the Court, in denying Plaintiff's Motion for Hearings (Doc. #23), noted Plaintiff's misapprehension of the rules regarding electronic filing and explained Fed. R. Civ. P. 5. Specifically, the Court noted that under Rule 5 and this Court's Local Rules, a party's filing of a documents through the Court's ECF System constitutes filing for all purposes of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and constitutes proof of

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¹ Incorrectly named in Plaintiff's Complaint as "Bank of America."

service in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(d). The Court further noted that Plaintiff had filed a "Pro Se Motion to Participate in Electronic Filing" (Doc. #3) and in her Motion "the Plaintiff acknowledged that she 'unders[tood] that hard copies will no longer be issued by the Court or opposing counsel."

- 4. In the Motion (and numerous other pleadings) the Plaintiff continues her misapprehension and misreading of Rule 5 and this Court's Local Rules. Such a misreading provides no basis to strike any of Defendants' pleadings.
 - 5. The Court should simply deny the Motion.

WHEREFORE, Defendants respectfully request that the Court:

- A. Deny Plaintiffs' Motion to Strike (Doc. #94); and
- B. Grant such other relief as the Court deems just.

Respectfully submitted,

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. and MEGAN SCHOLZ

By their attorneys,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing DEFENDANTS' OBJECTION TO PLAINTIFF'S REQUEST/MOTION TO STRIKE PLEADINGS has this day been forwarded via the Court's Electronic Case Filing System to:

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Dated: February 9, 2022 By: <u>/s/Thomas J. Pappas</u>

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